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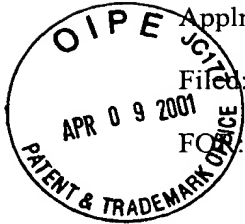
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Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents cited in an International Search Report dated November 28, 2000, as well as three documents cited in a German Office Action for a counterpart foreign application. All of the foreign references, with the exception of the Biegler reference, have U.S. patent counterparts, which are enclosed as well.

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